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Revenue (1925) Department.

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G.O. No. 1020

DATED 30 b 1925

[Despatch Abstract.]

rrigation - (Bellary District) - Tungabhadra Channel - Application for water - Petition from ryots - Papers recalled.

Presented by deputation to Governor in Council (Govt) 16/1/25

H O S P E T

Dated December 1924.

To

M. R. Ry

Honourable C.P.Ramaswamy Iyer Avl. C.I.E

Member of Council, Government of Madras.

That the humble petition of the ryots of the Hospet Taluq most respectfully sheweth.

P.W.D. IRRIGN.
17 DEC 1924
Section.
G. No. 3747

That the order that no dupasal or second crop paddy should be raised on land registered as single crop wet under the Tungabhadra channels without obtaining previous permission of the Public Works department bears hard on the poor ryot. A great majority of land-holders are illeterate. Securing printed forms of application and getting them filled up are paid for separately. The order granting permission is sent through the post office in an un paid cover. Those who have failed to apply or whose applications have been mislaid wantonly or otherwise are penalised; the penalty being twice or three times the assessment of the land. The order requiring previous permission has a demorolising effect on the underlings of the departments concerned. The land-holder is the sufferer. Hitherto he has been growing a dufassal crop or second crop paddy without permission and paying Fasaljasti. He has been doing it at his own risk. The permission now given is subject to such a risk during water scarcity. When there is no difference between the two courses the one causing loss to the land-holder should, your petitioners submit, be avoided. In the last fasli the penalty levied on land irrigated without permission amounted to Rs 7500/-

2. The authorities are penalising all ryots under a sluice in the irrigation channels which is broken or otherwise tampered with by some unknown person. The penalty charged is twice or three times the assessment of the land. They are doing so alleging that it is difficult to find out the culprit. The ryots under the sluice concerned are not free from that difficulty. The offender meddles with the sluice taking care that there is no one in the neighbourhood at the

the time.A sluice may be broken open by a ryot badly in need of irrigation for his field.It can be done by an enemy to avenge himself of a supposed wrong.Thirdly it may be an act of the Neerganti himself because the ryots have refused to pay him his mamool.In fairness it may be said that all the ryots cannot be held responsible for the mischief committed by any one of them or some one else.That they have used the water flowing from the tampered sluice is no excuse for levy-ing penal assessment.Their lands may be situated several furlongs away from it.They could have no reason to suspect foul play.They and the authorities should join hands to bring the culprit to book.If Neergantees are welle looked after there can be no reason for ~~xxxxxx~~ untoward acts.They neglect their work as a consequence of their rendering private service to their immediate superiors.

3. The Bellary District is badly situated.It is far away from the sea on all sides.Its dependence on the monsoons is not an advantagous factor.All the tanks except one are rain-fed.They fill once in a way.It is then that the lands under them are cropped.On account of a succession of bad seasons rural areas are being deserted.People flock to towns to find means of livlihood.

The irrigated area of the district is about 39,000 acres. 15,000 under the Tungabhadra channels and 24,000 under tanks and other sources.Full advantage is not taken of the Tungabhadra River. It is perrinial stream and its channels - eleven in number - irrigate the lands of the Hospet,Bellary and Adoni Taluqs to the extent just mentioned.From its right margin which is on the British side two channels may be take off. One at Kuruvatti in the Harpanhalli Taluq for the advan-tage of the western taluqs,and the other at Ramasagar in th Hospet Taluq for that of the eastern taluqs.Whether this scheme is feasible,it is for professional men to decide.If i is that would be a consideration which should not be ignored even its success financially is not assured.It would,in the long run,prove a blessing.The existence of canals will be a preventive of famines.There will be no necessity to open relief works and to spend millions of money thereon.There x

There are some gentlemen still living who have personal experience of three famines (1) 1876-77 and 78 (2) 1891-92 and (3) 1896-97.In the first of these many people died of starvation.Nearly Rs 26,00,000 was spent on relief.Wages were paid daily to about 1,00,000 persons.Of the advance ~~ma~~ made to weavers about Rs 88,000 was written off as irrecove--rable.These figures relate to a single taluq Adoni.During the said three periods famine prevailed throughout the whole district.It was very severe and prolonged in 1876 to 78.For supervision Bengal Officers had to be sent for; this Presidency not being able to supply the required number.

4. Your petitioners pray that the projected extension of the Basavanna channel may be sanctioned as an urgent measure.It will irrigate about 2000 acres of dry land on its way and will serve as a feeder to the Kamalapur Tank. This tank's ayacut is 481 acres.Now and then the lands suffer for want of water.Last year all of them lay waste.

In conclusion your petitioners pray for your long life and prosperity and beg to remain your most obedient servants.

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G. H. [illegible]

K. Narasimhacharlu

R. Seshagiri Rao

M. Reddy

Satya Reddappa

K. Bhadrachalam

Krishnamurthy

K. [illegible]

Ahmad Jan Khan

P. Chennakesavulu

B. Seenu Acharlu.

N. Krishta Rao

K. [illegible]

P. Bhimachary

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B Channappa

S. Subramanya Rao

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Govt. Hospital

Asst. Surgeon

Govt. Hospital

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Pallu Nagalingappa

S. Yamunappa for S. Narasappa
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D. Narayanbha

V. Neelakantan Bhat

V. Raghavendra Char

Venkatachar

A. Markandaya Sastry

Krishnamurthi
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Govt. Hospital

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Translation

Petition from the residents of Narayanadevara-Kere village, Hospet taluk, Bellary Dt to the Hon'ble Member for Law and Revenue.

Petitioners state that for a very long time they have been growing paddy or sugarcane as they chose in their lands. But in 1922 an order was issued that Sugarcane should not be grown except on ~~by~~ Darkhast applications ~~for which land~~ and that previous sanction should be obtained in all cases. As most of the petitioners are illiterate ~~that~~ they were ignorant of the order and even if they put in Darkhast applications it was difficult to get orders on them in time. Darkhast forms have to be obtained from P.W.D offices; in person with all the survey nos etc has to be collected. The P.W.D officers send their orders by "Bearing Post" which causes some more delay. All this involves much delay. If they begin Cultivation ~~without~~ before the receipt of orders, they are penalised. The petitioners therefore pray that in consideration of all these difficulties the orders ~~issued~~ recently issued be cancelled.

(sd) Karanam Krishna Rao
8/25

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18 కంబాలపల్లి వెంకటేశ్వర్లు

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Irrigation under the Tungabhadra channels and cadar projects in the Bellary Dt.

Left ... Petition from certain ryots of Hospet Tq, Bellary Dt.

M.S.
Js. Submitted

2. Paras 1 & 2 The petitioners request that the system of insisting on applications for water for raising "Duffasil" or second crop on single crop lands may be cancelled and that all the ryots under a sluice which is broken or otherwise tampered with may not be penalised for the mischief committed by some unknown persons. In this connection permal is requested of Leg: Council (on the subject Q/No. 566) and the answer given thereto at the meeting held on 10.10.24. The question was dealt with in Revenue and it is not known what action was taken in that Dept., with reference to the answer given to the Supplementary question

The Govt is that the ryots generally will not help to bring the guilty parties to book. It is open to them to take penal action to enable penal action in the majority of cases in the end to do so.
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Para 3 The petitioners evidently refer to the Bellary west and the Bellary east canal projects. The former is now under investigation and the question of investigating the latter can be taken up after the results of the present investigation are known. Without a reservoir there may not be sufficient water for both the Canals

we is enough water for Bellary West canal without storage. about 80,000 acres. Pft.

enough water - we will have storage
Pft.

4. Para 4. An estimate amounting to Rs 40.24 lakhs for the project referred to (Irrigation of the Basavanna channel) has recently been sanctioned and a grant

of Rs 1 lakh. Nil pa (for 4 works) is proposed in the budget estimate for 19.25-26.

2. No special action is called for regards paras 3 & 4 above. The file may be forwarded to Revenue with reference to A on the previous page

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BOARD OF REVENUE
21 APR. 1925
REVENUE & SETTLEMENT

U.O. No. H.1952/25.

Board of Revenue,
Land Revenue & Settlement,
Madras, dated 19th May '25

The ryots object (i) to the introduction of the permit system and (ii) to the penalization of everyone benefited by unauthorized irrigation

As regards (i) the Board approved the Collector's proposal to insist on previous permission being taken for the cultivation of dufasal or second wet crops in the interests of the ryots themselves. The object is to prevent indiscriminate extension of sugarcane cultivation without reference to the question whether the P.W.D. will be able to supply water economically to the lands throughout the period the crop is on the ground. The objection raised by the ryots to the system are th they are unable to get forms and submit applications in time and that opportunity for interference is given to subordinates. These difficulties may be expected t disappear in a short time. The Board considers that all that is necessary at present is to work the rules leniently and to impose only light penalties except when there is any intentional breach of the regulations.

The question of continuing or abandoning the system may be considered after more experience is gained. The new Irrigation Act provides for a stricter control of irrigation works and the older policy of 'laissez faire' should be avoided.

As regards (ii) the ryots allege that all ryots under a sluice are penalized if it is broken or otherwise tampered with even by some unknown person. It is very difficult for anyone but the ryots concerned to find out the guilty person and in order to secure the co-operation of the ryots in preventing breaches, lands irrigated with water flowing from the broken or damaged sluice are penalized. The damage is almost invariably done by some one who benefits and the others ought to have little difficulty in finding out who he is. If they will not take the trouble to do so they have themselves to blame.

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SECRETARY.

To the Second Secretary to Government with n.f. and c.files.

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Revenue Dept

To W.S

Please see the petitions on pp 1-3 Cf and on pp 6-9 Cf. The points relating to PWD are noted on. on pp 1-2 ante and those relating to

Reserve on pp 2-4 ante. In view of the Board's remarks no action on the petition seems called for.

The file may now be circulated to C 2 & also to C. Vide C's remarks on the petition on p 7 CF.

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The BD are not clear on the position in the event of the proposed Mysore Grant of Approval of the policy proposed by the Board may be given

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CR

Yb 1/10/25

How do the provisions of the Bill bear on the principle of responsible government of the BD?

Mc
8/10

I generally agree with the Board's policy

CR
4/10/25

Section 109 (2) would apply — ... person whose land the "benefits" would be worth a good deal

CR

16/10/25

Mere rejection of the policy as stated by the BD but respect its working with what is necessary as the BD seems to think

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A draft order receives the happen
is submitted. (It does not appear
necessary to send any reply to the
deputation vide P/CF)

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